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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street
Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

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RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
FM Station, Pike Road, Alabama
MM Docket No. 93-244
RM-8315

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in response to your invitation for comments with regard to the above referenced proceeding.

I am a resident of Pike Road, Alabama, the proposed community of license in this proceeding, having resided in the Pike Road community for two years. I, as the majority of residents there, work in Montgomery and drive 5 - 15 miles daily from home to work.

Pike Road is considered by area residents to be, essentially, a part of the city of Montgomery. It has no form of municipal government, and is governed by the Montgomery County Commission. There is no police or constabulary; law enforcement is provided by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. There is a volunteer fire department serving Pike Road, but the same fire department also serves other communities which are on the outskirts of Montgomery, including Waugh, Cecil, Matthews, and Mt. Meigs. Water is supplied by the East Montgomery Water and Sewer District.

While it is true that there is a post office located on Pike Road, the office is supervised by Charles Maske, Manager of Post Office Operations in Montgomery. Moreover, the post office located on Pike Road serves several other Montgomery County suburban communities.

Notwithstanding petitioner's representation to the contrary, Pike Road does not have its own telephone exchange. Telephone subscribers in Pike Road are part of the Montgomery telephone exchange of South Central Bell. Moreover, the petitioner incorrectly states that Pike Road has its own school. The nearest school is located in Mt. Meigs, Alabama.

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Pike Road has no newspaper, economic, commercial or political organizations, municipal services or governmental units of any kind. It is merely one of a dozen or more communities located on the fringes of the city of Montgomery which serve as bedroom communities of this city. Furthermore, there are no defined boundaries for the Pike Road community; rather, it is a loosely defined area consisting mostly of homes occupied by persons who work in Montgomery and a few small stores.

I would estimate that 95% or more of employed Pike Road residents work in Montgomery and would challenge the petitioner to furnish any evidence he may have to the contrary.

Pike Road is not incorporated, nor is it listed in the U. S. Census. The population attributed to it in the Census is that of the Pike Road division of Montgomery County. Residents of Pike Road identify with Montgomery and consider themselves to be Montgomerians.

In view of the foregoing, I think it is clear that Pike Road is not a community as defined by Section 307 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. See Micco, Florida, Report and Order released October 27, 1993. Therefore, I urge the commission to deny the petition for rulemaking which proposes the allocation of Channel 248 A to Pike Road, Alabama.

Very truly yours,



Roberta B. Pinkston

RBP:cc

cc: Fred Randall Hughey
Kirk A. Tollett
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AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERTA B. PINKSTON

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ROBERTA B. PINKSTON, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

My name is Roberta B. Pinkston. I reside at 2589 Old Pike Road, in the Pike Road area of Montgomery, Alabama.

I represent that the statements made by me in the comments attached hereto are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Date:

11/10/93

Roberta B. Pinkston
Roberta B. Pinkston

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Roberta B. Pinkston, and acknowledged before me that the foregoing facts are true and correct and that he executed the same voluntarily, this date.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 10th day of November, 1993.

My Commission Expires:
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE.
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Sept. 28, 1996.
BONDED THRU NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS.

Cathy Crawford
NOTARY PUBLIC